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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/986,629	Applicant(s) MONTEIL ET AL.	
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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04 December 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1, 2, 10, 11, 13 and 14-16, drawn to a process for the preparation of compounds of formula (I) and the further preparation of the obtained diastereoisomers, classified in class 560, subclass 152.
- II. Claims 3-9 and 12, drawn to a process for the preparation of compounds of acrylamide derivatives having formula (V), classified in class 560, subclass 155.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

Inventions II and I are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different modes of operation, different functions, or different effects (MPEP § 806.04, MPEP § 808.01). In the instant invention II and Invention I are different inventions because the process for the preparation of a given compound does not depend on the process for the preparation of the reactant use as intermediates in the preparation of the said compound. For instance, the process for the compound of formula (I), as described in Group (I), is independent from the process used to prepare any of the reactant use in the preparation of the said compound, as described in group (II). Moreover, regardless of the method used to prepare any of the intermediates required in the preparation of compounds of formula (I), the said method for the preparation of such intermediates has no effect on the outcome of the method used in the preparation of compounds of formula (I). Thus, claims embraced in Group II do not further limit claims embraced by

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Group I because the outcome of the process in Group (I) is the same: compounds of formula (I), irrespective of the particular method used to prepare any of the reactants required in the preparation of such compounds. Clearly, a given reference anticipating or suggesting the process for the preparation of acrylamide as described in Group II and within the meaning of 35 USC 102 or 35 USC 103 respectively, does not anticipate or suggests the process described in Group I or vice versa.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and the search required for Group II is not required for Group I, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art because of their recognized divergent subject matter, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

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CONCLUSION

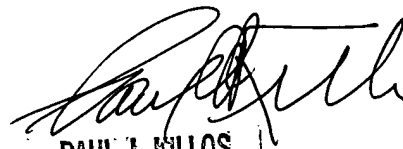
Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Hector M. Reyes whose telephone number is 571-272-0691. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 8 am to 4pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Paul Killos, whose telephone number, is 571-272-0687. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 308-4556 or for regular communication and (703) 308-4242 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of the application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1235.

Héctor M. Reyes PhD, JD

February 10, 2004


PAUL J. KILLOS
PRIMARY EXAMINER